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SEIZURE OF GOODS & FOREIGN CURRENCY
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity and amount of smuggled goods and foreign currency seized by customs officials and other agencies during each of the last three years;

(b) the number of arrests made in each case as on March 31, 2001; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to check the entry of smuggled goods and foreign currency in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (REVENUE) IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN)

(a) & (b):- The details of smuggled goods & foreign currency seized by the officials of Customs and Enforcement Directorate during last three years i.e.1998-99, 1999-2000, 2000-2001 & 2001-2002 (upto June, 2001) and the number of persons arrested in connection thereto, are indicated in the Annexure.

(c) All the field formations under the Customs Department including Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) are vigilant and alert to prevent smuggling of contraband goods all over the country.

ANNEXURE

DETAILS OF SEIZURES OF SMUGGLED GOODS & FOREIGN CURRENCY BY OFFICIALS OF CUSTOMS & ENFORCEMENT DIRECTORATE (Rs. in Crores)

Year	Seizures by Customs Officials			Seizure of Foreign currency by Enforcement Directorate		
	Value of smuggled goods seized	Value of foreign currency seized	No. of persons arrested seized	Value of foreign currency	No. of persons arrested	
1998-99	628.14	21.71	952	1.02	70	
1999-2000	1281.74	16.97	712	0.30	45	
2000-2001	416.99	20.55	669	2.72	19	
2001-2002	138.06	6.82	173	2.05	1	